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| ***Advisement @ Merrill***  All Merrill Middle School students have been assigned to advisement classes in groups of about 15 students. This newsletter is for the parents as well as the stu-dents assigned to Mr. Lassos’ advisement class. Advisement classes will meet every Wed-nesday from 8:23-8:48 under the new Advisement schedule.  ***Advisement Purpose***  Research has shown that advisement classes can be instrumental in supporting the success of middle school and high school students. Some of the goals for students in advisement include:  ***Get to know & support each other***  ***Advisor becomes a help resource***  ***Improved communication skills***  ***Improved attendance and grades***  Some of the topics we will discuss in advisement include:  [http://images-partners-tbn.google.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcR18trxSy6E_AYsuKHsEiwuXh6mtMjfUDHsL-Wjq1b2cacSl1Srj_SzzFI:http://studentbranding.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/Goal-Setting.png](http://studentbranding.com/strategic-planning-for-career-success-goal-setting/)  ***Team building, Diversity, Goal setting,Communicating with Adults, Problem Solving & more*** | ***Class Website (Wiki)***  [http://images-partners-tbn.google.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRWSkij75RxgOVo2Yb-1i8R7RVwpkfMe3UdF_cpLoBuay4QDrdkniEw2aDh:http://www.lipcrepair.com/images/Website_Design_Long_Island.jpg](http://www.lipcrepair.com/)  The address listed at the top of this newsletter is a link to a website created for this class. This website has information about Mr. Lassos, advisement, and transitioning to high school, including links to DPS high schools. I will update this website on a regular basis to include information that will be of help to the members of this class, all of whom are 8th 8th graders.  ***High School Support***  In my role as a ½ time Indian Ed Focus Teacher I work with American Indian students in the morning at Merrill. In the afternoon, I work with high school students at:  DSST Lincoln South TJ  ***DSST, Lincoln, South, & TJ*** (Thomas Jefferson) high | schools. I believe my experience can be of help as your 8th grader is thinking about which high school to attend.  **Call or email Anytime** My email and phone number are listed at the top of this newsletter. As your 8th grader’s advisor, please feel free to call, email, or visit Room 16B anytime if you have questions or concerns.  ***GEAR UP, MERRILL!***  http://media.linkedin.com/mpr/pub/image-nNCfdljVXzuZurIPnpY6dzZHO1evuvhPUn99dcm5OFz2d6NM/colorado-gear-up.jpg  Shaleena Gaskin of GEAR UP has an office at Merrill. ***G****aining* ***E****arly* ***A****wareness and* ***R****eadiness for* ***U****ndergraduate* ***P****rograms* will follow and support 8th grade students from Merrill, through high school, and into their first year of college! For more in-formation contact Shaleena:  Shaleena Gaskin[Shaleena\_Gaskin@dpsk12.org](mailto:Shaleena_Gaskin@dpsk12.org) or (720) 424-0621 |